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In re Application of :
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U.S. Serial No. 10/089,452 : Examiner: TBA
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For: Improved Method for Detecting Acid :
Resistant Microorganisms in the Stool :

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Washington, D.C. 20231

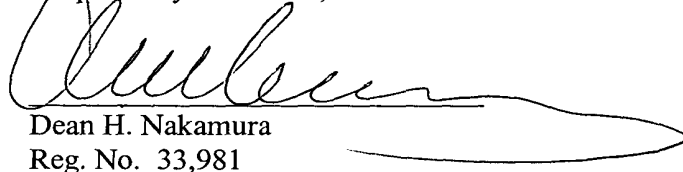
Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for a five-month extension of time to extend the time for responding to the Notice of Missing Parts of 27 June 2002 to 27 January 2003. A check in the amount of \$985.00 for the extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b) is attached.

The Commissioner hereby is authorized to charge payment of any fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 which may become due in connection with the instant application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-2220.

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